

BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Monday, March 16, 2009 7:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by President, Terry Hutchinson. Present: Terry Hutchinson, Rod Cole, Bob Pasch, Frank Fox, Denise McBride, Kari Rojas and Ed VanAvery.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Motion by Bob Pasch, seconded by Kari Rojas to approve the agenda with no additions or deletions. Motion carried 7/0.

Recognition of Guests – Brandi Snyder, Kris Weiss, and Mary Kattreh.

Brandi Snyder and Kris Weiss gave a presentation on Science Kits.

Motion by Frank Fox, seconded by Rod Cole to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of February 16, 2009. Motion carried 7/0.

Bill reported that the Board received a letter from Set Seg regarding a refund on Insurance Pool Money. Thrun sent us a letter regarding our tutoring program. On May 5th Julie and Bill will be attending a Client Seminar and an email regarding that seminar sent around. Bill also had a correspondence regarding the embargoed MEAP Test Scores. Bill also sent around a calendar for the month of March that had the reading month activities on it. Bill spoke about email from Iosco RESA regarding the merging of smaller school districts.

Rod Cole reported for the Building & Grounds Committee. The discussed the Capital Projects Recommendations.

Ed VanAvery reported for the District School Improvement Committee. Tracy Natzel was a guest speaker at the meeting. She made a formal request for the purchase of new Social Studies Textbooks for grades K-6. Our current textbooks were published in 1997. They also discussed MEAP and ACT/MME testing that has taken place. The MEAP results are still embargoed and the ACT/MME testing just took place and it went very well.

A personnel committee meeting will need to be scheduled.

Jerry Ward reported that he was one of the supervisors for the ACT/MME testing. He applied for 14 students to be tested, but not all of them showed up. Mrs. Heintz will be scheduling make ups for those students who haven't taken the test. Jerry was informed by the ISD that, because of our free and reduced numbers, we qualify for a free health program. The count paperwork went pretty well. At count he had 31 students. He is presently at 35 and enrolled 2 today. He has 2 students who are ready for graduation and he could have 6 to 8 by the time graduation comes around. Jerry discussed the effect that some potential legislation and potential area school closings may have on the Alternative Ed. program.

Marci Faber reported that last week was National School Breakfast week. They gave away t-shirts and hats during the week. They also celebrated Dr. Seuss's birthday. April's theme is Red Carpet Day. The earlier problem with lunches for the students who are tutoring has been resolved and is now working well. There have been no problems with the dish machine and Brenda Garrett is doing a great job. E-funds is up and running and we had our first transaction on March 2nd. Thursday is the Baseball Spaghetti Dinner and Melinda Skinner will be here to supervise. Melinda and Marci will be attending a food show in Novi on March 25th.

Aarron Butkovich reported that he is finishing up the paperwork for the boys and girls basketball seasons. He reported on the numbers for spring sports. We will be doing physicals at the school on

April 30th, and Chippewa Hill's students will be invited. There has been some participation fees paid through E-Funds. The Highland Conference is looking into changing the schedules for Junior High Boys and Girls Basketball. They would like the boy's season to begin before Christmas break and the girls to start shortly after Christmas break. That would give the girls a little break before the spring sport season begins.

Diane Saltarelli reported on the activities of March Reading Month. Julie Farrell has been spearheading most of the activities. The Kindergarten parent meeting was tonight and preschool/kindergarten roundup will be on April 15th.

Julie Freeze reported that the count paperwork is almost complete and she is planning on delivering it to the Clare ISD on Wednesday. We are down 9.8 students from the fall count. Julie reported that Jeremy Thomas has a registration form that we have available for driver's ed. classes that will be offered in the spring, summer and fall. The federal stimulus package monies are still up in the air as far as how it will help our school. It should mean stable funding for the next two years but possibly nothing more. There may be some extra Title monies available. We do not, as of this time, need to make up any time for this year.

Jeff Jackson thanked Jerry and Linda Heintz for helping administer the ACT/MME tests last week. This group of students was the best group they've tested. The National Honor Society blood drive was today. Mock Interview Day for Seniors is March 17th. The SSIT will meet tomorrow to continue work on next year's scheduling. Extra textbooks may need to be ordered to accommodate the large 7th grade class that we are expecting next year. Jeff has put together recommendations for the Personnel Committee on probationary and tenure teachers. There is no tenure teacher recommendations at this time but he is recommending Scott Leppert – 2nd year, Amanda Wilson – 2nd year, and Kaleb House – 3rd year probationary status. The German Links group leaves for Germany on March 26th. Close-up goes to Washington next week and FFA and YIG were just recently gone on their trips. Jeff reported on the criteria that will need to be brought to the District School Improvement Team for approval for Junior High students that want to test out of junior high math to take Algebra I while still in Junior High. Jeff asked the Board to review the Secondary Student Handbook and make recommendations on changes by April 10th. He would like to have a first reading on the handbook at the April meeting. Bill attended the Rotary luncheon today where Kristin Wilson was our Rotary Student of the Month.

Joe Judge reported that the CSI Michigan Assembly that was held earlier this month for parents was very beneficial and there has been a request to see if the Junior High Students could see this presentation. Joe is going to try to schedule one for the students as well as schedule another session for parents. Joe is setting up a spot on the website for updates of the German Links and Close Up trips. The Tribal Grants are on the agenda later for the Board's approval. Joe is having lunch later this week with Bill Harrison who is very influential in reviewing the tribal grants. Joe is hoping to get some good insight from him. Joe will be attending the MACUL Conference on Thursday and Friday this week in Detroit.

John Graham reported that Butch and Don will be starting back up tomorrow doing spring work. There is a drain problem at the north end of the complex. 07-1 has not been fixed. There is a circuit board problem with the bus.

Bill Chilman reported that he has been very pleased with the school improvement he is seeing from both the Elementary and Secondary. Bill also reported that working on the budget lately has not been fun and the outlook does not look good.

Terry Hutchinson read the financial report

Motion by Frank Fox, seconded by Rod Cole to approve the General Fund payments of \$258,435.35, Hot Lunch payments of \$13,123.79, Athletic Fund payments of \$3,994.97. Motion carried 7/0.

Motion by Bob Pasch, seconded by Rod Cole to approve the 1st reading of the Neola Policy for comping out of a class. Motion carried 7/0.

Bill gave an update on the Beal City Area Education Foundation.

Terry Hutchinson asked that the Superintendent's Evaluation be discussed during Executive Session.

Motion by Frank Fox, seconded by Rod Cole to approve the following coaching recommendations as presented: Maggie Oldenburg – Dance Coach, Ken Hisey – Voluntary Assistant JV Baseball, Jeremy Griffis – Voluntary Assistant JV Baseball. Motion carried 7/0.

Motion by Rod Cole, seconded by Kari Rojas to approve the Tribal Grants as presented. Motion carried 7/0.

Bill explained that the Personnel Committee will review the recommendations for Probationary teachers and those recommendations will be brought to the Board for approval at the April Board Meeting.

The Personnel Committee will also review the recommendations on Support Staff/Administration wage increases. This will also be on the April agenda.

The Board discussed recognizing students and staff for their accomplishments. It was decided to send a letter with the Board Member's signatures congratulating the student/staff member for their accomplishment.

Joe Judge took a picture of the Board Members.

Motion by Frank Fox, seconded by Rod Cole to go into executive session under Article 8a – Personnel at 9:10 p.m. Motion carried 7/0.

Motion by Frank Fox, seconded by Rod Cole to come out of executive session at 9:44 p.m. Motion carried 7/0.

Motion by Frank Fox, seconded by Rod Cole to adjourn at 9:45 p.m. Roll call vote. Motion carried 7/0.

Recording Secretary
Carrie Bleise

Terry Hutchinson, President

Kari Rojas, Secretary

